AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Original) An electrolytic processing apparatus comprising:

an electrode section including an electrode member comprised of an electrode and an ion exchanger covering a surface of the electrode;

a holder for holding a workpiece and bringing the workpiece into contact with the ion exchanger of the electrode member;

a liquid supply system for supplying a liquid between the ion exchanger and the workpiece held by the holder;

a drive mechanism for causing relative movement between the electrode section and the workpiece; and

a power source to be connected to the electrode of the electrode member of the electrode section:

wherein a continuous contact time of the ion exchanger with a point in a processing surface of the workpiece is not more than 10 msec.

Claim 20 (Original) The electrolytic processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the drive mechanism is designed to cause relative movement between the electrode section and the workpiece at a relative speed of not lower than 0.2 m/sec.

Claim 21 (Original) The electrolytic processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the ion exchanger covering the electrode is designed to make contact with the workpiece held by the holder with a contact width of 0.2 to 1.5 mm.

Claim 22 (Original) The electrolytic processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the drive mechanism is designed to cause relative movement between the electrode section and the workpiece at a relative speed of not lower than 0.2 m/sec.

Claims 23-38 (Canceled)

Claim 39 (Original) An electrolytic processing method comprising:

processing a workpiece in the presence of a liquid by applying a voltage to an electrode and moving an ion exchanger, covering a surface of the electrode, and the workpiece held by a holder relative to each other, while keeping the ion exchanger and the workpiece in contact with each other, such that the contact time of the ion exchanger with a point in a processing surface of the workpiece is not more than 10 msec.

Claim 40 (Original) The electrolytic processing method according to claim 39, wherein the ion exchanger and the workpiece held by the holder contact each other with a contact width of 0.2 to 1.5 mm.

Claim 41 (Original) The electrolytic processing method according to claim 39, wherein the ion exchanger and the workpiece held by the holder are moved relative to each other at a relative speed of not less than 0.2 m/sec while keeping them in linear contact with each other.

Claim 42 (Original) The electrolytic processing method according to claim 40, wherein the ion exchanger and the workpiece held by the holder are moved relative to each other at a relative speed of not less than 0.2 m/sec while keeping them in linear contact with each other.

Claims 43-71 (Canceled)